

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
FORT WAYNE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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v.) No. 1:16-cr-00021-TLS-SLC
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SIE MERRIMAN)

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION
OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE
UPON A PLEA OF GUILTY

TO: THE HONORABLE THERESA L. SPRINGMANN, JUDGE,
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Upon Defendant's request to enter a plea of guilty pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this matter came on for hearing before U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan Collins, on August 30, 2016, with the written consents of Defendant, counsel for Defendant, and counsel for the United States of America.

The hearing on Defendant's plea of guilty was in full compliance with Rule 11, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, before the Magistrate Judge in open court and on the record.

In consideration of that hearing and the statements made by Defendant under oath on the record and in the presence of counsel, the remarks of the Assistant United States Attorney and of counsel for Defendant,

I FIND as follows:

(1) that Defendant understands the nature of the charge against him to which the plea is offered;

(2) that Defendant understands his right to trial by jury, to persist in his plea of not guilty, to the assistance of counsel at trial, to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, and his

right against compelled self-incrimination;

(3) that Defendant understands what the maximum possible sentence is, including the effect of the supervised release term, and Defendant understands that the Sentencing Guidelines apply and that the Court may depart from those guidelines under some circumstances;

(4) that the plea of guilty by Defendant has been knowingly and voluntarily made and is not the result of force or threats or of promises apart from the plea agreement between the parties;

(5) that Defendant is competent to plead guilty;

(6) that Defendant understands that his answers may later be used against him in a prosecution for perjury or false statement;

(7) that there is a factual basis for Defendant's plea; and further,

I RECOMMEND that the Court accept Defendant's plea of guilty and that Defendant be adjudged guilty of the offense charged in Count 2 of the seven-count Indictment, and have sentence imposed. A Presentence Report has been ordered. Should this Findings and Recommendation be accepted and Defendant adjudged guilty, sentencing will be scheduled before Judge Theresa L. Springmann by separate order and notice. Objections to the Findings and Recommendation are waived unless filed and served within fourteen (14) days. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B).

DATED this 30th day of August 2016.

/s/ Susan Collins

Susan Collins,
United States Magistrate Judge